ASCS TODAY

By Tom Conrad

Crop Acreage Reports - With June 30th just around the corner, all farmers in the County that have not reported crop acreages, should be planning to do so just as soon as possible. June 30th is the final day for farmers to report corn, set-aside, fire, flue and sun cured tobacco acreages. Soybean and grain sorghum acreages can be reported up to July 15.

Farmers enrolled in the Set-Aside Program need to report planted acreages in order to remain in the program and as a result to be eligible for program benefits. Benefits that can be derived from the program are deficiency payments, disaster payments and commodity loans.

Fire, flue and sun cured tobacco producers need to report planted acreages in order to be eligible for price support. Particularly important is for those farmers who did not lease out their tobacco or grow it. These farmers need to report zero planted acreage to the ASCS office or their allotment will be reduced to zero the next year.

Farmers that are not involved in the above two categories, but have or will plant a grain or bean crop are asked to report these acreages to the ASCS office so that our records can be kept up to date for future use.

Flue Cured Tobacco Producer Support Vital to Cooperative's Future - 1979 is a critical year for Stabilization, the grower's cooperative marketing association which makes price support loans to growers.

Stabilization needs the cooperation of every grower this year in further efforts to resolve the downstalk problem satisfactorily.

Since 1974, the Cooperative has made loans to growers amounting to $197 million on 234 million pounds of downstalk tobacco (predominately "P" and "N" grades) from the 1974-1978 crops, inclusive. Less than 25 million pounds of this tobacco has been sold for the following reasons:

1. Supply has exceeded demand. Demand for "P" and "N" grades has declines, while production, in fact, has increased since 1974, with the exception of the 1978 crop.

2. Loan rates have been established at levels above true market value due to the statutory requirements built into the price support formula. The formula requires that the weighted average of all grade loan rates reflect the over-all price support level for any given year. To lower "P" and "N" grade loan rates to a realistic level would require considerable more than normal increases in loan rates on upstalk grades of tobacco which would adversely affect the export market for U.S. flue-cured tobacco. Even though loan rates on "P" and "N" grades have not been increased to carry their share of the overall increase called for in the formula, farmers are continuing to harvest and market "P" and "N" grades. Thus, the high loan rates, coupled with lower yields in processed and strip tobacco result in much higher than normal costs and, therefore, make "P" and "N" grades of tobacco uneconomical from a buyer's standpoint.

3. Foreign-grown tobacco with comparable quality is available at a much lower price.

At the present time, Stabilization's stocks of downstalk tobacco amount to about a 2-year supply. Carrying costs, most of which is interest, amount to $1.5 million monthly. It is quite apparent that Stabilization can't continue to hold these tobaccos for an unreasonable length of time without sustaining significant losses. Further, it is apparent that losses would place the price support program in serious jeopardy.

Considerable progress was made in reducing the supply of "P" and "N" grades last year. Last year's efforts resulted in about 10% of Stabilization's receipts being in "P" and "N" grades; however, this year efforts must be redoubled to further reduce the supply.

With most flue tobacco already planted it is suggested that producers give serious thought to not harvesting lower stalk tobacco this year. Its your program and the strength of it is in your hands.

Fuel Situation - In last week's column I went into some detail as to Secretary of Agriculture Bergland's stand on farmers obtaining needed fuel for Agricultural use and how to obtain it. In short, this week I reiterate that is is USDA's policy that farmers should have available all needed fuel that if there is a problem in obtaining needed fuel you should contact the ASCS office. Forms and information are available.

Agricultural Foreign Investment- Foreigners who own or have interest in U.S. farmland must report their holdings to the ASCS office. Those who owned land on February 1, 1979 must report ownership by August 1, 1979. Those obtaining land after February 1, 1979 must report the acquisition within 90 days. Failure to report could result in a fine of up to 25% of the property's fair market value.

SISSY KNIGHT CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Sissy Knight celebrated her 10th birthday recently with a party at A. J. Skateworld. Joining her to celebrate were Terry Hancock, Jennifer Burke, Sarah Morris, Margie Lockner, Debbie Knight, Timmy Mullins, Mike Knight, John Goin, Darrell Bryant, April Archer, Cindy Garrett, Kim Hancock and J. C. Rogers.

RONI JOHNSON CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Roni Johnson celebrates her birthday recently with a party at A. J. Skateworld. Attending were Jennifer Elder, Jennifer Paulette, Cheryl Johnson, Jason Shupe, Tara Johnson Chip Herncall, Tim Chandler, "Roni" who was 9 years old, Cathy Johnson, Marva Elder, Beth Marston, Tracey Perkins, Theresa Watson, and Kristi Matthews.

Big Radio Marathon For Darlington Hgts. Volunteer Fire Dept.

On Saturday, June 23rd from 9:30 a.m. until 6 p.m. Uncle Joe Johnson and Radio Station WTTX-FM will conduct an all-day Marathon Broadcast to rasie money needed for The Darlington Heights Volunteer Fire Department. The Big Broadcast will originate direct from the fire house at Darlington Heights and will be asking listeners to dial 248-5476 and pledge a generous contribution to the support of the fire department. Another big feature of the day will be big delicious Chicken Dinner plates with all the trimmings. All youngsters donating $5.00 or more will receive a free fire-chief's hat and will be made an honorary fire chief by Mr. Clinto Childress, Chief of Darlington Heights Fire Department. The motto for the day will be **tune in and listen - phone in and give**" or better still come on over and visit, enjoy a good chicken dinner and make your donation in person between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Saturday, June 23.

The department is at the present time in the process of building and installing rest rooms, kitchen facilities and a meeting room. It is the desire of all members that everybody will get behind this, the biggest fund-raising effort we have ever made and help us all you can. On Saturday, June 23, please either call in your donation or come by and enjoy a good chicken dinner and make your donation in person. **With Your Help We Will Build and Build and Build For You and Yours.**

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HAPPINESS IS 4-H

By Frank H. Sweet
Extension Agent

Eleven teenagers attended the Teen-Adult Leader Orientation Session at Holiday Lake 4-H Camp last week. The workshop was designed to help prepare teens for leadership roles at 4-H Camp later during the summer. Participating in the workshop from Appomattox were: Blair Smith, Jody Williams, Laurie Cowan, Cheryl Walton, Steve Conner, Allen Smith, Patricia Chandler, Virginia Robinson, Laura Walton, Ruby Smith and Carrell Almond.

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Initial applications for 4-H Camp are due in the Extension Office by the first week in July. Applications may be mailed (P.O. Box 488, Appomattox) or brought by our office. As of now, there are about 75 Appomattox 4-H'ers signed up for camp. Appomattox 4-H'ers attend camp August 6-10.

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Teen 4-H'ers are planning car washes at the Farmers National Branch Bank (at the Plaza) on Saturday, June 30 and Saturday, July 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. The purpose of the car washes will be to raise funds for the interstate exchange trip to Nebraska.

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We have applications for the District and State 4-H Horse Programs. If you're interested, give us a call or stop by.

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Summer 4-H Sewing Classes began this week. If you're still interested, please let Miss Marsh know so she can get you signed up. Classes are meeting on Tuesday at Appomattox Middle School and on Thursday at Pamplin. There is a great need for teen and adult leaders to help with the classes. Let us know if you can help.

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Area Students Find Out What It Is All ABout!

Lisa Moore and Susan Parris, both of Appomattox, visited with Congressman W. C. (Dan) Daniel. The visit with Congressman Daniel was part of the Rural Electric Washington Youth Tour (June 11th - 14th) sponsored by Southside Electric Cooperative. Lisa, Susan and the other ten youths from SEC's service area had the opportunity to talk with Congressman Daniel in his office during a relaxed question and answer session. They discussed the energy shortage, nuclear energy and energy of the future. Other concerns of the young people were discussed, among them, the general registration under their selective service system.

Congressman Daniel was most generous with his time, even though he had to slip out several times to go to the floor for voting.

Lisa and Susan said "our trip was very rewarding, we learned more about the operations of government". And, they added, "we all enjoyed ourselves."

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Tennis Tots

When is the ideal age to start off a youngster with tennis? Some pros say, whenever the child shows an interest in the game.

Some current tennis stars began their careers at the age of two, but most tennis camps won't take youngsters under 10.

Other pros feel that children should begin earlier than 10, at the moment he or she first tries to handle a racquet.

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Father Darkleaf

BY
CALVIN ROBINSON

The almanac says that whatever days are hottest in June will be coldest in February. Officially it is summer and we have had some pleasant June days, but early morning readings have been in the low fifties. The almanac predictions may be telling us there will be a cold February. Meanwhile, a handy blanket helps.

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It couldn't be a volunteer, so I must have planted it. One of the first yields from my modest garden was parsley. Had some success in pruning honeysuckle from my shrub fig and just might have some figs by late August. A valued reader brought us some garden peas, onions and potatoes. and a neighbor gave us some cabbage, string beans etc. Thanks. Life is uncertain and so is my planting arrangement. Flower and vegetable mixed around in what appeared to be likely spots. So, every day is a surprise. Like finding lettuce doing fine between hills of watermelon.

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A salute to Bro. R. H. Walton, of Route 2. He phoned in that he had garden ripe tomatoes June 16. I recall visiting his fine garden a year or so ago and he is an expert. Says he got twenty dozen tomato plants. Said gave his first ripe tomato to a neighbor. There are many fine gardens and I'd say Appomattox is doing all right.

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I lived for a while on Virginia's Eastern Shore and Irish potatoes were big business. Mile after mile after mile o'em. Ready to harvest now, and how to get them to market is the problem. But potatoes can be left in the ground awhile and that's what I'd do, until labor and transportation s t r a i g h t e n e d out.

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Add another name to the list of veteran service station operators. F. H. Gowen has been at it for forty years. He is on the highway from Appomattox to Buckingham, near the county line. For sure, he must have seen many changes and had many interesting experiences along the way.

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Suggestion . . .maybe an odd and even arrangement could be worked out this summer for gnats.

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A letter from a relative asking for family history reminds me to suggest that you enter names, dates, etc. in a family Bible. When is Susie's birthday? What was your greatgrandmother's m a i d e n name?

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Summer camps, summer school, recreation areas, parks and summer jobs. Plenty to do for the younger generation and it appears they are doing fine in '79.

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Historic Appomattox seems to be getting its share of tourists and visitors this season. And welcome to the newcomers who have moved here. A ride around our area will show growth.

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Thanks for reading and seeya next week.

ACHS Athletics "Rally" Planned

The Appomattox County High School Athletics Boosters "Rally" has been planned for June 29 thru July 1st beginning at 7 p.m. at the Appomattox Town Ball Park and the Appomattox Middle School Field.

There will be a softball tournament with 20 area leagues participating; Sunswick slaw, hot dogs, hamburgers, french fries, drinks, popcorn, snow cones, snacks and homemade desserts.

Prizes will be awarded every hour. Tickets can be purchased for $1.00 to participate in drawings.

There is no admission fee so please plan to come out the week end of June 29-July 1 and support your Boosters Club.

Named Production Manager at Virginia Fibre Corporation

Mr. Walter S. MacDonald, Vice President and Resident Manager of Virginia Fibre Corporation, has announced the appointment of Mr. David B. White to the position of Production Manager, effective July 1, 1979. He succeeds Mr. Dave R. Turner, who has accepted a position with another paper manufacturing company.

David B. White

Mr. White is a native of Franklin, NC and is a graduate of North Carolina State University in Raleigh, NC. He held various technical and management positions with Union Camp Paper Corporation, Tennessee River Pulp and Paper Company and Georgia Kraft Company before joining Virginia Fibre Corporation in January, 1974. He has remained active in pulp and paper professional organizations, and is also a member of the North Carolina State Pulp and Paper Foundation.

He is married to the former Sharon Swanson of Franklin, NC and they are the parents of four children: Lynn, age 22, Dana, age 15; David, age 20 and Johnothan, age 10.

Mr. White and his family reside in Appomattox and are very active members of Liberty Baptist Church in Appomattox.

Health Reports Required For Children Entering School

Section 22-220.1 of the Code of Virginia: Before any child is admitted for the first time to any public kindergarten or to any public elementary school such child must have a comprehensive physical examination of a scope to be prescribed by the State Health Commissioner, by a qualified licensed physician, who shall make a report of such examination and at the end of such report shall summarize the abnormal physical findings, if any, and shall specifically state what, if any, conditions are found that would identify the child as handicapped. A copy of such report must be presented to the school on the child's behalf. Such report must indicate that the child has received such physical examination no earlier than twelve months prior to the date such child first enters a public kindergarten or public elementary school.

Such physical examination report shall be placed in the child's health record folder at the school, and shall be made available for review by any employee or official of the State Department of Health or any local health department at the request of such employee or official.

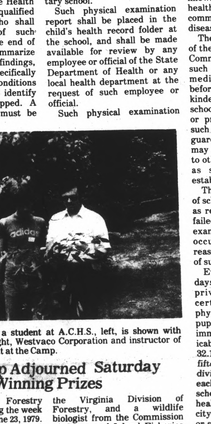
Such physical examination shall not be required of any child whose parent or guardian shall object on religious grounds and who shows no visual evidence of sickness, provided that such parent or guardian shall state in writing that, to the best of his knowledge, such child is in good health and free from any communicable or contagious disease.

The health departments of all of the counties and cities of the Commonwealth shall conduct such physical examination for medically indigent children, before their admission to any kindergarten or elementary school or its equivalent, public or private, without charge to such child or his parents or guardians upon request, and may provide such examinations to others on such uniform basis as such departments may establish.

The division superintendent of schools may admit for so long as required any child who has failed to have such physical examination if such failure occurs as a result of a reasonable delay in the conduct of such physical examination.

Every pupil shall, within ten days after entering a public or private school, furnish a certificate from a licenses physician certifying that such pupil has been successfully immunized against communicable diseases as required by 32.1-46 of this Code. By October fifteenth of each year each division superintendent and each principal of a private school shall submit to the local health director of the county or city where the school division or school is located the name of each child for whom no certificate of successful immunization has been furnished or whose certificate indicates that the required immunizations were not completed and the name and address of the parents of such child.

Parents of children who will be entering school for the first time are urged to provide the school principal with the physical examination and immunization reports prior to the opening of school on August 27, 1979.



Dennis Stratton, a student at A.C.H.S., left, is shown with Walter Perkins, right, Westvaco Corporation and instructor of Forest Management at the Camp.

Forest Camp Adjourned Saturday With Many Winning Prizes

The 3drd Annual Forestry Camp was held during the week of June 18 through June 23, 1979. State Forester W. F. Custard stated that 95 students attended the camp this year and will carry back to their community a wealth of knowledge learned from the forestry courses taught at camp.

The camp is held each year at Holiday Lake located on the Appomattox-Buckingham State Forest. Scholarships were awarded to Virginia youth between the ages of 14 - 16 years judged the most deserving from the standpoint of activity and interest shown in sound forest conservation practices. At the end of the camp week the campers were carefully tested and graded on the subjects taught during the camp period. The instructors and counselors selected as best campers three outstanding students who displayed the most leadership, initiative, interest, and who also made good grades on their test papers.

The prize winner from Appomattox County was Dennis Stratton, a student at Appomattox County High School.

Professional foresters from the pulp and paper industry and the Virginia Division of Forestry, and a wildlife biologist from the Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries handled the instruction at camp. Courses taught included forest fire control, timber harvesting, wood technology, timber measuring and marketing, forest management, tree identification, forest insects and diseases, and wildlife management.

Camp counselors were agriculture education instructors provided through the State Department of Education.

Holiday Lake Camp is financed by Virginia pulpwood-using industries and managed by the Virginia Division of Forestry. Virginia industries supporting this year's camp include: Union Camp Corporation at Franklin; The Chesapeake Corporation of Virginia at West Point; Continental Forest Industries at Hopewell; U.S. Gypsum Company at Danville; The Glatfelter Pulpwood Company at Fredericksburg; Owens-Illinois at Big Island; Westvaco at Covington; Virginia Fibre Corporation at Amherst; Georgia-Pacific at Emporia; and Bear Island at Ashland. Awards were provided by sporting goods companies.

Safety First - In An Open Canoe

Information From Your Emergency Services Coordinator

With "canoeing" becoming more and more popular these days. W. F. Britton, Jr. Emergency Services Coordinator for Appomattox County, would like to pass along the following information that may be beneficial to many citizens of our county.

NEVER BOAT ALONE.

KNOW HOW TO SWIM. You should be a competent swimmer, even when fully clothed. Know your ability but don't overestimate it. Condition yourself at the beginning of each season before canoeing on long or difficult rivers. Wear your personal flotation devices (lifejackets) and remember they must be Coast Guard approved. A wet suit in cold water and cold weather and a paddling jacket in cold weather are recommended. Wet suit booties, plus oversized tennis shoes, are always a comfort. For the eyeglass wearer, a safety strap is essential and a helmet is recommended for safety precaution.

KNOW THE RIVER or canoe with an experienced leader who does. Walk the bank to examine how to run difficult rapids. When in doubt, don't gamble, carry around the rapids. Know river classifications and learn why and how rivers are classified. For the open-canoe paddler, cold water, cold weather, remote areas, and rising rivers increase the degree of difficulty. Never canoe on flooded rivers if your are unskilled. Paddling a river safely is a team effort so follow your leader's instructions. Passengers should be discouraged from going along. Their mere presense in white water increases the danger of having a serious accident.

BEWARE OF DAM-CONTROLLED RIVERS. They present special problems to the canoeist. Do not put in too close to the base of the dam and do not canoe close to the spillway or floodgates. Check with authorities at the dam location before canoeing the river. Be familiar with the American Whitewater Affiliation Safety Code- read it and abide by it.

Land and enter the current facing upstream, stern in first and out last. Travel in at least groups of three boats while on the river. Keep the boat behind you in sight. Be sure you know your put-in point and especially your take-out point.

Avoid flow-through hazards (strainers). Even in slow water these can trap you and be the cause of a fatality. Avoid waterfalls, low dams, and high rapids. If the river disappears, you may be approaching a waterfall. Avoid shdraulics, you can get trapped. Swim down to get out. Stay at the upstream end of the canoe if capsized. Don't take chances saving equipment. Leave the boat and swim if doing so will improve your safety, especially in cold water or very rough water.

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DAVID TOTTY'S MOTHER presents the Eagle Award as his father looks on.

Eagle Progress Award Presented

David A. Totty was presented scouting's highest honor, the Eagle Progress Award at a Court of Honor held on Sunday, June 24, 1979.

David is the first scout from Appomattox's Troop 546 to earn the Eagle Award since 1971.

In order to earn the award David had to earn a minimum of twenty-one merit badges. The subjects of these merit badges included Citizenship in the Community, the Nation, and the World, Environmental Science, Communications, Emergency Preparedness, Sports, Personal Management and Camping as well as many others. In addition he had to provide leadership to a major service project. The planning and development of a picnic area behind St. Anne's Church was David's project.

The Eagle Scout Award represents David's accomplishments in scouting skills; in teamwork as a member and leader of his troop and patrol; and in scout spirit as represented by living the Scout Oath and Law.

Only about 1% of all boys in scouting in the United States earn the Eagle Scout Award each year.

The Eagle Scout Award represents David's ability to be of service to his fellowman.

The Eagle Scout Award represents David's understanding of Community and Nation and his willingness to help others.

The Eagle Scout Award stands for a job started by David when he first joined scouting in 1976 - a job started and completed.

The Eagle Scout Award represents a lot of good hard work. On the average it takes three years to earn this award.

The Eagle Scout Award stands for strength of character.

The Eagle Scout Award is a symbol of what David has done; but, more important, it represents what he will be in the future as he grows to manhood.

After a trip to the World Scout Jamboree in Sweden this summer, David plans to continue his achievements in Scouting by working toward Eagle Palms and the God and Country Award.

David is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David E. Totty of Spout Spring.

Engineering Firm To Assist With Survey On Upper Appomattox River Watershed

The USDA Soil Conservation Service has employed Moore, Gardner and Associates, engineering firm from Richmond, to assist with surveying on the

NEW OFFICERS TO BE INSTALLED AT THURSDAY NIGHT LIONS MEETING

When the Appomattox Lions Club meets tonight, Thursday, at 6:45 p.m. at the John Mosby Inn Restaurant, officers for the new year will be installed.

Mr. Sam Green, Zone Chairman from Lynchburg, will be the installing officer.

Officers for 1979-80 are President, Richard D. Robinson; 1st Vice President, Robert W. Carter; 2nd Vice President, Gerald D. Wilbun; 3rd Vice President, Floyd E. Williams; Secretary - Treasurer, R. Murrell Ferguson; Tailtwister, Robert E. Pankey; Lion Tamer, James C. Sefter; 1 year Directors, Norman R. Clouser and Walter E. Hancock, Jr.; and 2 year Directors, Lloyd G. Walton and Lewis W. Garcia.

All members will want to be present for this meeting.

Upper Appomattox River Watershed. They will be surveying mostly along the public roads. The purpose of the survey is to coordinate aerial photography with ground control points. Aerial photographs can then be made into topographic maps to be used in planning the watershed project.

This survey work is being conducted in the entire Upper Appomattox River Watershed basin.

When the survey party needs to survey on private land, involved landowners will be notified. If questions arise, please contact Bob McClenny at the Appomattox SCS office.

POST OFFICES TO OBSERVE HOLIDAY

Both the Appomattox Post Office and the Pamplin Post Office will be closed Wednesday, July 4th, in observance of the Independence Day holiday.

There will be no window service and no rural delivery on this day.

Post Offices will reopen Thursday for business as usual.

Railroad Festival Board To Sponsor Dunking Tank

The Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival Board will sponsor a "dunking tank" in the parking lot at Farmers National Bank, Triangle Plaza Branch on Saturday, June 30th, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Come out and join in the fun while supporting the Seventh Annual Railroad Festival.

Tickets will also be on sale at $1.00 donation per ticket for a Model 1100 Remington Shotgun 3" Magnum. Drawing for this will be held at 3 p.m. Remember, you won't miss the fun at the "Dunking Tank" on Saturday.

See you there!

BANKS TO OBSERVE HOLIDAY

Amelcan Federal Savings and Loan Association, Farmers National Bank, Fidelity American Bank, and First National Bank of Farmville-Pamplin Branch wil all be closed Wednesday, July 4th, in observance of the Independence Day holiday.

Banks will reopen on Thursday for business.

WOW TO MEET MONDAY NIGHT

Camp 71 of the Woodmen of the World will meet Monday night, July 2, at 7:30 p.m. at the WOW Hall for a business meeting.

All members are urged to attend.